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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) Yes; a statement[a] showing the particulars of the scheme is placed on the table of the House.

" (b) The Central Government seems to have made a provision of one crore of rupees for 1950–51; but the State Government did not get any amount during that year.

" (c) The Central Government have provided Rs. 1·68 crores in their Budget Estimate for 1951–52 and the State Government has been sanctioned a loan of Rs. 9 lakhs.

" (d) Four industrial establishment has formulated schemes for the construction of houses under the Government of India's industrial housing scheme and have applied for loans. These applications are under consideration of the Government.

" (e) The industrial housing policy of the State Government is the same as that of the Central Government and the State Government have not formulated any separate policy."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the amount of loan received from the Government of India has been allotted and if not allotted before the end of 1951–52—and we are now at the end of March 1952—whether the unexpended portion will be available for 1952–53?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" All the applications that have been received have been forwarded to the Government of India, and as I have said already, we have recommended them. So far as the future is concerned, if applications come in we will certainly forward them also to the Government of India."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" My point is, Sir, whether the loan given by the Government of India, for the year 1951–52, will lapse at the end of March 1952 or whether the 9 lakhs will be available for 1952–53 as well?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" It all depends on what decision the Government of India are going to take in the matter."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Government have prepared any data regarding the housing needs of the working classes and the industrial classes especially?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" No, Sir."

Creation of economic holdings in land.

* 103 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the average holding in the Madras State is only 4·5 acres and if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to create economic holdings so that agriculture not only ceases to be mere occupation but also becomes a worth-while industry to follow?

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 244–245 infra.

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" According to the latest figures available, the average size of a ryotwari holding in the State is 3·84 acres.

" The recommendations of the Land Revenue Reforms Committee are under the consideration of the Government and the question of economic holdings is also being examined in that connexion."

The Krishna-Pennar Project.

* 104 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the article entitled " Politics behind Krishna-Pennar Project " by Sri Tenneti Viswanatham, M.L.A., in the *Swatantra* of 22nd September 1951, has been brought to the notice of the Government ;

(*b*) whether the particulars of the Krishna-Pennar Project and Pulichintala project mentioned therein are correct ;

(*c*) whether the diversion of water for irrigation to Chingleput district affects the acreage under cereals in the Ceded districts to a considerable extent as mentioned on page 9 of the *Swatantra* referred to above ;

(*d*) what the reasons are that have led the Madras Government to give up construction of the Dam at Pulichintala and cause the diversion now proposed ; and

(*e*) whether the proposed diversion is final and irrevocable or subject to reconsideration ?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Some of the particulars given are correct, but others are all wide of the mark. The details of the Krishna-Pennar Project as proposed have now been released to the Press and the public.

" (*c*) No.

" (*d*) The State's share of the waters of the Krishna and the Godavari, put together, is adequate to supply reasonable extents in all regions irrigable under the river systems. In utilizing this share, the economics of the projects, the importance of developing backward areas and the need for securing the much needed rice at the earliest possible date, have to be taken into account. With reference to these factors, the best scheme of co-ordinated development would be to use the waters of the Krishna and its tributaries for the Krishna-Pennar and Tungabhadra High Level Canal Projects, and the waters of the Godavari system for other areas including the region sought to be covered by the Pulichintala Project. All the schemes cannot be taken up for execution simultaneously. The Planning Commission was also prepared to accept for the Supplementary Plan only schemes investigated in detail. The